

Wednesday May 13th 1863

Dear Deborah,

Enclosed please

to send \$ 6.00 — six dollars,
which is as near as I can come
to the \$ 5.45. of Cairns' bill.
Do you remember where my
Side-Saddle is? — If nobody wants
it, I shall send to Mrs. Francis
Gage, as soon as it turns up.
I shall never need it; but
if it can be of the least
use to any body at May-
mouth, of course I do not

wish to take it away.
Mrs Sage has three plantations to serve, - & can get
a horse but not ^{safe} a saddle.

- Perhaps she's ^{overly} nice. I
should have thought so, at least
at 35 years old. Perhaps now
I could not ride on a man's
saddle man-fashion, so easy as
I could once. But as far as
my expense goes, it is far
less fatiguing to ride astride.

I was at the Annual
Meeting yesterday morning, &
saw all the usual attendance
of Friends, except Billings & the
Lesters who did not seem to be
there. It was a very good

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meeting, & the Herald gives a full report of it as well as the Tribune. Mrs Howe's battle hymn of the Republic was performed with unequalled power & effect. — one of our German friends, — Lazar, having drilled the choir to the expression of every shade of idea, by variation & instrumentation. The audience was shown. It was wonderfully well done.

Warren dined & left here last night.

I hear an immense deal of the Adams-Jackson

affair. Americans abroad
do not generally stand by
him, for they see that how-
ever his "frank explanations"
may satisfy the English Min-
istry, the real difficulty is in
the complications between
Eng. & L. & R. He has got
a handle against England
by it, unless Eng. calls for
satisfaction. But I think
it will blow over, from all
I get from abroad &
at home, ~~Frenchmen~~
Englishmen & Americans
in responsible stations, —
who are compelled by their

circumstances to look at in
the light neither of loss nor
of precedent - but in that of
Practical present difficulty.

I had a letter from
Dr. D. W. yesterday, among
others, but he does not differ
from this: - speaks affectionately
of Anne, "grows up &
presented at Court" - whom
he remembers tending the little
black & yellow kitten.

We are all well -
New York very hot, - but
pleasant.

Yours aff

M. W. Chapman

They want me to find him
letters to Foster &
to do this & that. I
would like him to
have ~~advice~~ ^{advice} for
the things he found that
were wrong. For his own sake
I should like him to agree
to their jurisdiction — for
he would ^{set much of good} leave a great deal
if not too old. But I do
not judge him fit or able
to do much in those cir-
stances — His vision failing
as much as limited. N. W.